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SERV Study Newsletter

Survey of Experiences of Returning Veterans



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SERV Study progress

Thanks to all Veterans who have participated in the study so far— your input is extremely helpful to us. We have spoken to male and female Veterans of all ages and from all branches of military service. We now have 400 male and 141 female Veterans enrolled from 49 states. **We still need Veterans from Delaware— please tell your Veteran friends! We also need more female Veterans.** 24 month follow up surveys have begun and are going very well.

We are at 45% of our goal of 1200 Veterans.

We have a raffle winner!

Congratulations to Bryan from Florida! His name was chosen from a random drawing on December 2nd, 2013. He won a \$100 Visa gift card to spend as he chooses. Our next drawing will take place on Monday, March 3rd, 2014. Good luck to all our Veteran participants! The winner will be notified by email and phone.



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Websites for our Veterans:

Sometimes it helps to connect to other Veterans who might be having similar experiences or just to get information. In addition to the links on the next page, you may want to visit these websites; most have Facebook pages as well.

www.dav.org	Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
www.studentveterans.org	Student Veterans of America (SVA)
http://maketheconnection.net	Make the Connection
www.gotyour6.org	Got Your Six (6)

SERV Study Staff Highlights



Meet Gregory Reeves, a member of the SERV team at the Canandaigua, New York VA Center of Excellence.

He has been interviewing SERV participants since last year and is a welcome addition to the team. He is a licensed clinical social worker and brings a great deal of experience to the project.

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Social media presence!

Please visit our Facebook page Gender in the Military. Our Twitter account is /GenderMilitary. Both of these are managed by Reelgood Productions due to privacy/confidentiality concerns. SERV Study can also be found on Linked In —See *miscellaneous section below*.

Miscellaneous

Linked In– Please don't feel pressured to "connect to" or "endorse" the SERV Study if you feel uncomfortable. Linked In is similar to Facebook, but more geared toward working professionals looking to make connections. Our only reason for joining Linked In is just to get our name out there in cyberspace.

Response booklets– please have your booklet handy at the time of the interview. We know that our survey is a long one, and the booklet allows you to finish your telephone call more quickly and get on with your day.

BLUE Booklets: Baseline (first) interview only

YELLOW Booklets: 3-, 6-, 9-, and 12-month follow ups only

PINK Booklets: 18-, 24-, 30-, 36-month follow ups only

Useful links:

National PTSD website:

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

PTSD Program Locator:

[http://vaww1.va.gov/
directory/guide/
PTSD_flash.asp?isFlash=1](http://vaww1.va.gov/directory/guide/PTSD_flash.asp?isFlash=1)

[Ptdshelp.net](http://ptsdhelp.net)

IAVA (Iraq and Afghanistan
Veterans of America)

<http://iava.org>

For a VA facility near you:

[http://vaww1.va.gov/
directory/guide/home.asp?
isFlash=1](http://vaww1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1)

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<http://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn1/serv/>